

Free Online Resources

Online version of this manual – <https://redemptivehistorytheology.com/>
Go to Chapters then Old Testament Survey Course

Biblical books background information – (search “biblica genesis” to go to the Introduction to Genesis, others are on the right side) www.biblica.com

Various Bible versions and translations, including audio Bibles –
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1&version=CEB>,
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1&version=LCB>

Notes on each verse for study and sermon preparation – (Bible Gateway, NET)
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=gen+1&version=NET>

OT Survey videos – <https://thebibleproject.com/>

Bible dictionary – www.theopedia.com

Historical background information from a secular view – www.ancient.eu

Biblical Archaeology – www.biblicalarchaeology.com

Older commentaries, theology, and archaeology books – www.archive.org
For example, go to Search, then type in “Genesis Commentary.”

Journal articles – <https://biblicalstudies.org.uk>, www.academia.edu

Articles on equality of men and women – www.cbeinternational.org,
<https://redemptivehistorytheology.com/marriage-throughout-redemptive-history/>, <https://margmowczko.com/>

Egypt and its gods – <https://ancientegyptonline.co.uk/>

Mesopotamian gods – <http://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/amgg/index.html>

Overview Bible study – <https://redemptivehistorytheology.com/the-cser-structure-an-overview-of-the-bible/>

How to Use This Manual

MANUAL FORMAT:

Objectives: These are what you should know after studying the chapter. Read them before starting the lesson.

Key Verse: This verse goes with the main idea of the chapter. Memorize it.

Chapter Content: Study each section. Use your Bible or click on any verses not written in the manual. Looking up the online posts in brackets [] and reading the footnotes will give you more information.

Self-Test: Take this test after you finish the chapter. When you have done the Self-Test, check your answers. Review any which you got wrong.

For Further Study: This section will help you learn more about the Word of God, improve your study skills, and help you apply what you learned to your life and ministry.

Final Examination: For those taking this course for official credit, you must take and hand in this test after finishing all the chapters.

Suggestions for Group Study

FIRST MEETING

Opening: Open with prayer and introductions. Register any new students. Take attendance.

Establish Group Procedures: Decide who will lead the meetings, when you will meet, and where you will meet.

Praise and Worship: Invite the presence of the Holy Spirit into your training session.

Distribute Manuals to Students: Introduce the manual to the group.

Teach the Chapters: The person teaching will read and explain the material in the manual. Students will take the Self-Tests at the end of each chapter and talk about the answers. The number of chapters covered at each meeting will not always be the same. Sometimes, you will stop before you end a chapter.

Make the First Assignment: Students will do the For Further Study section and follow their Bible reading plan outside of class.

SECOND AND FOLLOWING MEETINGS

Opening: Pray. Welcome and register any new students. Give them a manual. Take attendance. Have a time of praise and worship.

Review: Present a brief summary of what you studied at the last meeting.

Take and Grade a Quiz: This will be based upon the Self-Tests from the last class session.

Lesson: Read the chapter. Ask students for questions or comments on what you read. Apply the lesson to the lives and ministries of your students.

Self-Test: Take and review the Self-Tests for the chapters you just did.

For Further Study: Students will do these projects by themselves or in a group before the next meeting.

Final Examination: The final exam for students receiving official credit will be multiple choice questions taken from all the Self-Tests.

Course Introduction

Taken together, the Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT) reveal God's plan to save his people and expand his kingdom. The theme of the Bible follows a pattern of Creation, Covenant, Sin, Exile, Resurrection, and Restoration [see Chapters then [An Overview of the Bible: Creation, Sin, Exile, and Resurrection/Restoration](#)].

We should read Scripture with an understanding of that pattern. Knowing how a specific passage fits within God's plan helps us interpret what we read. For example, how do the results of Adam and Eve's sin apply to Christians today? Should we read Gen 3:16–19 as something to enforce? Or does Christ's death, resurrection, and return to heaven change how we relate to God and to one another (Rom 5:17–21; Gal 3:28)?

By studying how the OT fits with the NT, we can better understand God's plan for us as his kingdom expands to fill the earth (Gen 1:26–28; Rev 21:1–8, 22–27).

Jesus talked about the Old Testament many times. This shows that it is important for us to understand it too. The NT quotes the OT about 850 times. This OT Survey is as an important part of our training program to help men and women reach others with God's message.

Old Testament Survey introduces the Bible and different translations. This course talks about biblical history and life in those times. Information on each Bible book includes the author, the people who first received the book, the purpose of the book, a key verse, and an outline of the book. We will also talk about how to apply the book to your life and ministry.

The Bible Survey is divided into two parts:

Part One: Teaches about the books of the Old Testament. Part Two: Teaches about the books of the New Testament.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

When you finish this course, you should be able to:

- Identify basic parts of the Bible.
- Explain the difference between translations and paraphrases of the Bible.
- Describe life in bible times.
- Summarize the major events of the OT.
- Know this for each book in the Bible:
 - Author
 - Recipients
 - Date when it was written
 - Purpose of the book
 - Key Verse
 - Life and Ministry Principle(s)
- Teach what you have learned to others.

What specific things do you hope to accomplish by studying the OT?